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SUBJ: FAO ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE JULY 1979 WORLD  
CONFERENCE OF AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA HAS INFORMED US BY LETTER DATED JULY 29, 1977(REFERENCE ESH DG/77/955, RECEIVED BY US ONLY AUGUST 9 DUE TO CURRENT DELAYS IN DELIVERIES, AND NOT REPEATED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY FAO) OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HE HAS APPOINTED TO ASSIST HIM IN THE PREPARATION OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. THE MEMBER SELECTED FROM THE UNITED STATES IS PROFESSOR JOHN MELLOR, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE. DR. SAOUMA WROTE A FURTHER PERSONAL LETTER DATED JULY 30 SAYING THAT HE WAS SURE WE WOULD SHARE HIS VIEW THAT PROFESSOR MELLOR WILL BE ABLE TO BRING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOT ONLY HIS OWN EXPERTISE BUT ALSO THE RICH EXPERIENCE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIELD OF AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. THERE WILL BE SIXTEEN MEMBERS IN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. EXPERTS FROM NORTH AFRICA, FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA AND EASTERN EUROPE REMAIN TO BE CHOSEN. EXCEPTING THESE, AND PROFESSOR  
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MELLOR, THE OTHER TWELVE MEMBERS NAMED THUS FAR ARE:

A. MR.ENRIQUE PENALOSA, EX-MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF COLOMBIA AND EX-SECRETARY OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

B. H.E.SR. DON BENJAMIN SAMANEZ CONCHA, AMBASSADOR OF PERU TO FAO.

C. MR.ARMANDO GONZALES, CHAIRMAN OF THE FARMERS' ASSOCIATION OF VENEZUELA.

D. DR.SIMON MBILINYI, SENIOR PRINCIPA ECONOMIC., PRESIDENT OFFICE, TANZANIA.

E. MR.SAAD HAGRAS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT.

F. PROFESSOR AKHTAR HAMEED KHAN OF PAKISTAN, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, USA.

G. MR.AZIZUL-JUQ, MEMBER, PRESIDENTAIL COUNCIL OF ADVISERS, GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH.

H. PROFESSOR B.M. DANDEKAR,DIRECTOR, GOKHALE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS AND ECONOMIC,INDIA.

I. DR.A.G.SAMONTE, CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES.

J. PROFESSOR SHIGERU ISHIKAWA, INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, HITOTSOBASHI UNIVERSITY, JAPAN.

D. DR.K.E. KNUTSSON, RESEARCH DIRECTOR, SWEDISH AGENCY FOR RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

1. PROFESSOR HANS LINNEMANN, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS.

4. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4-6, AND IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT IT WILL MEET TWICE MORE BEFORE THE WORLD CONFERENCE IN JULY 1977.

5. WE HAVE DETERMINED WHO WILL BE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS NOT INDICATED IN THE CORRESPONDENCE. THE OFFICER DESIGNATED FROM WITHIN FAO IS C. ARULPRAGASN (SRI LANKA), CHIEF OF THE LAND TENURE AND PRODUCTION SERVICE. HE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY O.SABRY (EGYPT), SENIOR OFFICER IN THE LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT GROUP OF THAT SERVICE, WHO IS HANDLING MATTERS AT THE MOMENT DURING THE LEAVE OF MR.ARULPRAGASAM.

6. A DOCUMENT HAS ALSO BEEN ISSUED FOR THE WORK OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE, DOCUMENT NUMBER H4716/1/C, FORWARDED TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S LETTER OF JULY 29 (REF. G/ESH-801). WE ARE FORWARDING BY POUCH FIVE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSED TO PAUL J.BYRNES, IO/AGR.HOLMES

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